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1. HERewith FULL TEXT HENRY L. REWHITT BYLINER, SATURDAY, MARCH 8, BALSUN, HEADLINED "UNDER KISSINGER, DEPARTMENT HUMS."

2. AS MUCH AS IT HURTS THEM TO SAY IT, EVEN MANY OF HENRY A. KISSINGER'S CRITICS JUDGE THAT HE HAS MET AN IMPORTANT PROMISE: HE HAS FORCED THE STATE DEPARTMENT TO SHAPE UP.

3. THOUGH THERE ARE EXCEPTIONS, THERE IS A NEAR CONSENSUS THAT MORALE IS UP, IDEAS ARE BEING CONSIDERED, AND THE DEPARTMENT IS BACK IN THE MAINSTREAM OF FOREIGN POLICY.

4. "THINGS ARE HUMMING AROUND HERE," SAYS A BUREAUCRAT WHO HAS BEEN BATTERED BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE'S OCCASIONAL UNCLASSIFIED

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FURY. "WE'RE ALL WORKING OUR TAILS OFF."

5. THAT, SAYS ANOTHER, IS ONLY RIGHT, SINCE HE BLAMES MR. KISSINGER FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S FORMER REDUCED STATUS IN THE FIRST PLACE. IN HIS JUDGMENT, THE DEPARTMENT NEEDED SHAPING UP LESS THAN IT NEEDED SOMEONE WILLING TO USE ITS TALENT AND EXPERIENCE.

6. THERE IS NO DOUBT, IN ANY CASE, THAT THINGS HAVE CHANGED MARKEDLY SINCE FORMER PRESIDENT NIXON MADE MR. KISSINGER THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN SEPTEMBER, 1973. OR THAT HE HAS REACHED DEEP INTO THE DEPARTMENT FOR TALENT AND PUT PROMISING YOUNG OFFICERS IN RESPONSIBLE POSITIONS. OR, FOR THAT MATTER, THAT MR. KISSINGER WAS PARTLY RESPONSIBLE, AT LEAST, FOR THE STATE DEPARTMENT'S FALLOW PERIOD DURING THE EARLY YEARS OF THE NIXON ADMINISTRATION.

7. MR. NIXON HIMSELF NEVER MADE ANY SECRET OF HIS DISTRUST OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT ESTABLISHMENT. HIS FIRST SECRETARY OF STATE WAS WILLIAM P. ROGERS, A PROMINENT LAWYER AND CLOSE FRIEND WHO WAS A KEEN JUDGE OF DOMESTIC POLITICS BUT WHO HAD LITTLE EXPERIENCE IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

8. FOREIGN MILITARY AND POLITICAL POLICY -- AND TO A LESSER DEGREE ECONOMIC POLICY -- WAS CENTERED IN MR. KISSINGER'S ROLE AS NATIONAL SECURITY ADVISER AT THE WHITE HOUSE. THOSE ROLES, ALONG WITH A GREATER MANDATE IN ECONOMICS, WENT WITH HIM WHEN HE SUCCEEDED MR. ROGERS IN SEPTEMBER, 1973.

9. THE SECRETARY OUTLINED IN A RECENT INTERVIEW WHAT HE WAS TRYING TO DO WITH THE DEPARTMENT. HE INTENDED, HE SAID, TO LEAVE BEHIND "A GROUP OF DEDICATED, EXPERIENCED, AND ABLE MEN" FOR FUTURE PRESIDENTS.

10. "I MEAN A GROUP OF PEOPLE THAT ALREADY EXIST," HE SAID, "THAT WORK TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THEIR CAPABILITIES. AND THIS IS WHY SOMETIMES I DRIVE THEM SO HARD."

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11. SOURCES IN THE DEPARTMENT AGREE TOTALLY THAT WORKING FOR MR. KISSINGER, EVEN SOME DISTANCE REMOVED, IS DIFFICULT AT BEST. HE WANTS PRESENTATIONS SHARP AND CRISP, AND THAT HIS WRATH AT SLOPPINESS IS SAID TO BE AWESOME.

12. SOME OF THE KEY MEN AROUND MR. KISSINGER ARE DIPLOMATS WHO SERVED HIM EARLIER, SUCH AS HELMUT SONNENFELDT

WHO WAS A SPECIALIST ON EUROPEAN AFFAIRS AT THE WHITE HOUSE AND IS NOW COUNSELOR OF THE DEPARTMENT. THE SECRETARY'S CLOSEST AIDE IS LAWRENCE S. EAGLEBURGER, WHO ONCE COLLAPSED FROM OVERWORK AT HIS DESK IN THE WHITE HOUSE AND WAS SHIPPED OFF TO RECOVER DURING A STINT AS A POLITICAL OFFICER IN THE NORTH ATLANTIC ALLIANCE.

13. ANOTHER KISSINGER FAVORITE IS WINSTON LORD, 37, A FORMER SPECIAL ASSISTANT WHO NOW HEADS THE DEPARTMENT'S POLICY PLANNING STAFF. MR. LORD, MOST OBSERVERS AGREE, HAS SHAKEN THE DUST OUT OF THAT STAFF BY COLLECTING A GROUP OF INTENSE SPECIALISTS, MANY OF THEM YOUNG, WHO TAKE IDEAS AND MAKE THEM STICK.

14. IN THE REGIONAL BUREAUS CAREER MEN SUCH AS ASSISTANT SECRETARY ALFRED L. ATHERTON JR. FOR THE MIDDLE EAST AND PHILIP C. HABIB ARE WIDELY RESPECTED AS PROFESSIONALS. BUT SOME DIPLOMATS BELIEVE THE FOCUS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IS SHIFTING TO THE SO-CALLED FUNCTIONAL BUREAUS, WHERE MEN LIKE THOMAS O. ENDERS, ASSISTANT SECRETARY FOR ECONOMIC AND BUSINESS AFFAIRS, STAND OUT.

15. FOR CAREER APPOINTMENT ABROAD, THE DEPARTMENT HAS TURNED INCREASINGLY TO MEN IN THEIR 40'S WHO ARE KNOWN AS COMERS. SOME OF THOSE BYPASSED IN THE PROCESS UNDERSTANDABLY ARE NOT HAPPY.

16. MR. KISSINGER, ONE OF THESE REMARKED YESTERDAY, "HAS SACRIFICED A LOT OF EXPERIENCE FOR THE IMAGE OF VITALITY." BUT SUCH COMPLAINTS ARE FADING, THOUGH THERE IS GENERAL AGREEMENT THAT NOT ALL APPOINTMENTS HAVE PROMOTED THE BEST MEN AVAILABLE.

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17. BUT "THE IMPORTANT THING," SAYS AN OFFICIAL WHO HAS CRITICIZED MR. KISSINGER FOR ARBITRARINESS AND HIS ADMITTED EGO IS THAT "PEOPLE KNOW WHAT THEY'RE DOING WILL BE CONSIDERED AND ACTED ON. THE DECISIONS MAY BE RIGHT OR WRONG, BUT THEY ARE MADE."

18. AN UNOFFICIAL GROUP IN WHICH MR. KISSINGER'S STANDING HAS SUFFERED IS THE STATE DEPARTMENT PRESS CORPS. SOME OF ITS MEMBERS, WELL VERSED IN FOREIGN AFFAIRS THEMSELVES, HAVE SUBJECTED HIM TO INCREASINGLY CRITICAL QUESTIONS BOTH FOR HIS POLICIES AND WHAT THEY SE: AS HIS LACK OF CANDOR.

19. FOR THAT MATTER, A DIPLOMAT WHO WATCHES MR. KISSINGER AT WORK CONCEDES THAT HE IS NOT "REGARDED WITH AFFECTION"

BY THE PROFESSIONALS. BUT HE ADDS, "THEY FEEL HE HAS THIS
PLACE MOVING AND THEY LIKE THAT." (END TEXT) INGERSOLL

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